

**REMARKS**

The subject matter of claim 15 was mistakenly cancelled in an authorized Examiner's Amendment as being non-elected subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reentry of the subject matter of claim 15, reproduced below. The subject matter of claim 15 is directed to vanadium species of the allowed genus of claim 4. The compounds of original claim 15 are presented in the form of new claims 20-39. The abbreviations have been replaced with full names for consistency with the other allowed claims.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein said vanadium compound is:  $\text{VCp}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2\text{I}_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{N}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{CN})_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{NCO})_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{NCO})\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{NCS})_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{NCS})_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2\text{Cl}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})(\text{FeCl}_4)$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{O}_3\text{SCF}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{V}(\text{MeCp})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{V}(\text{Me}_5\text{Cp})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{acac})$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{hf-acac})$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{bpy})$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{cat})$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2(\text{dtc})$ ,  $\text{VCp}_2\text{PH}$ , or  $\text{VCp}_2\text{H}$ .

wherein the specification at page 7 provides:

acac, acetonylacetate

Bpy, 2,2' Bipyridine

Hf-acac, hexafluoroacetylacetate

Cat, catecholate

Dtc, diethyl dithio carbamate

Phen, penanthroline

PH, N-phenyl benzohydroxamic acids

H, acetohydroxamic acid

It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the application before issuance of the patent. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be beneficial with regard to the above amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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